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MISSOURI SENATE PASSES LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY SEN. GARY NODLER THAT WOULD REFORM MISSOURI'S MAP TESTS

JEFFERSON CITY -- The Missouri Senate today passed legislation that would make a variety of improvements to the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP), bringing Missouri's educational standards into line with the new requirements established under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

"The MAP program was constructed in an environment of isolation without a national standard to build on," said Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, the bill's sponsor. "We want a test that aids education, not one that serves as an obstacle."

Twenty-six senators co-sponsored SB 1080, which has been endorsed by virtually all of Missouri's educational organizations including the Missouri State Teacher's Association, Missouri School Board's Association and the Missouri National Education Association.

"I believe this is one of the most important bills that the General Assembly will act on this year, and I'm glad that the Senate acted quickly on this matter," Nodler said.

Having passed the Senate, SB 1080 will now be sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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